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# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR Executive Order 2 (2002)

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### **Establishing the Economic Crisis Strike Force**

An economic crisis, such as the closure of textile plants in Martinsville and Henry County or the temporary closure of National Airport, is just as devastating to Virginia's communities and families as a natural disaster. State government has an important role to play in rebuilding our communities after economic disaster strikes.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of Virginia and Section 2.2-103 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby establish the Virginia Economic Crisis Strike Force (herein known as the "Strike Force"). The ongoing purpose of this Strike Force is to serve as an on-call working group to respond as needed to economic disasters in Virginia communities by:

1. Immediately providing a single point of contact for citizens in affected communities to assist with accessing available government and private sector services and resources.
2. Assisting localities in developing short-range and long-term strategies for addressing the economic crisis.
3. Identifying opportunities for workforce retraining, job creation, and new investment.

The Economic Crisis Strike Force will be chaired by the Secretary of Commerce and Trade and shall be deployed at the direction of the Governor. The Strike Force shall include a representative designated by the Secretary of Education and a representative designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Resources. The Strike Force shall also include high-level representatives, designated by the respective agency heads, from the following agencies: the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Business Assistance, the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of Labor and Industry, the

Department of Medical Assistance Services, the Department of Minority Business Enterprise, the Department of Social Services, the Virginia Community College System, the Virginia Employment Commission, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, and the Virginia Tourism Authority.

The Strike Force shall also include representatives from other such agencies as may be designated by the Governor to meet the needs of any particular community. In addition, the Governor may designate such citizens as he deems appropriate to advise the Strike Force in particular circumstances.

Staff support for the Strike Force shall be provided by the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, the various agencies represented on the Strike Force, and such other agencies as may be designated by the Governor. All executive branch agencies shall cooperate fully with the Strike Force and shall render such assistance as may be requested by the Chairman.

The Strike Force shall provide a report to the Governor on or before December 1 each year detailing the activities of the Strike Force.

This Executive Order shall become effective immediately upon signing, and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 12th day of January 2002.

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Mark R. Warner, Governor

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Secretary of the Commonwealth